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## EDUCATION IN RIVERSIDE

### ***K-12 Education***

There are two K-12 public school districts to serve students living in the City of Riverside. They are the Riverside Unified School District (RUSD) and the Alvord Unified School District. Special programs offered at various high schools include numerous advanced placement classes, science magnet program, performing arts magnet, international business, International Baccalaureate, Regional Occupational Programs, internships, foreign exchange programs, and a full range of athletic and scholastic opportunities.

### **Riverside Unified School District (RUSD)**

RUSD serves approximately 39,725 K-12 students, and employs more than 3,600 people (ca. 2,200 certificated/teachers). Students at the 43 Riverside Unified schools speak more than 51 different languages. Riverside Unified students generally match or exceed national test performance, and a large majority of high school graduates enroll in post-secondary training. As an employer within the city, RUSD is exceeded in size only by UCR.

For more information call (951) 788-7134 or visit their website at [www.rusd.k12.ca.us](http://www.rusd.k12.ca.us)  
3380 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Riverside 92501

#### **School Profile:**

• Elementary	28
• Special education pre-school	1
• Middle schools	6
• Comprehensive high schools	5
• Continuation high schools	2
• Adult school	1
• <b>Total</b>	<b>43</b>

### **Alvord Unified School District (AUSD)**

The Alvord District serves approximately 19,440 students in La Sierra and other neighborhoods on the city's western edge. Most of this territory was annexed by the City of Riverside in 1964. Alvord employs more than 1500 people (ca. 900 certificated).

For more information call (951) 509-5000 or visit their website at [www.alvord.k12.ca.us](http://www.alvord.k12.ca.us)  
10365 Keller Avenue Riverside, CA 92505

**School Profile:**

• Elementary schools	12
• Intermediate schools	3
• High schools	2
• Alternative/continuation high school	1
• <b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>

The Chamber enjoys a close, mutually beneficial relationship with both K-12 public school districts.

Additionally, Riverside is home to the California School for the Deaf and Sherman Indian High School. The area also has a variety of private schools, both secular and church-operated, and a home-school program called At Home in Riverside.

***Higher Education***

One of Riverside's most important attributes is the presence of four major institutions of higher education: the University of California, Riverside (UCR); Riverside Community College (RCC); California Baptist University; and La Sierra University.

Riverside is also within a reasonable commute to Cal State San Bernardino and about a dozen other excellent colleges in the region.

The Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce (GRCC) has helped build strong, mutually supportive relationships between business, local government, and the area's schools, colleges, and universities.

The Chamber recognizes that schools are not only major employers, but they are also important economic engines. They attract new residents, they spend money locally, and they are a primary source of skilled employees. The Riverside Chamber has therefore been supportive of major expansions and construction on local campuses.

Riverside's "EDvantage" includes the diversity and numerical strength of these local institutions: RCC has more than 32,000 students (including 3 campuses and satellite programs); UCR 17,700; Cal Baptist over 2,300; and La Sierra more than 1,900. These students include Southern Californians and others who come from all over the world to make Riverside their college home, and sometimes their permanent home.

Areas of strength in Riverside's colleges include: all the sciences, technology, business management, education, engineering, medical professions, humanities, and the arts. The GRCC is cooperating with the City of Riverside, the Riverside County Economic Development Agency, private industry, and local colleges and universities in efforts to recognize, enhance, and capitalize upon Riverside's superior educational resources. For

example, internships are available in a wide variety of occupational fields.

Riverside's EDvantage is a great economic asset that is being increasingly utilized by high-tech industries. The sterling reputation of scientific research at UCR is a key to high-tech development. For six years in a row UCR has led the nation, or shared the lead, for the most scholars elected fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).

The idea of a University of California, Riverside Research Park started in the 1980s, with participation from the GRCC. In 1999 the Chamber helped coordinate the groundbreaking for the cooperative University Research Park, the centerpiece of the Riverside Regional Technology Park.

In the development of new technologies, new jobs, improved opportunities, and a better quality of life, the Chamber is a capable partner in forging a brighter future for Riverside.

### **California Baptist University**

With more than 2,300 students, California Baptist University reaches out to the world as students from such countries as China, Korea, Japan, Hong Kong, Mexico and the United Arab Emirates, to study on this intimate campus. It also reaches into the world as hundreds of students travel throughout the year to study and minister in Australia, China, Japan, Ecuador, Russia, Korea, France, and Kenya. The University offers a variety of programs including 24 undergraduate majors, a teaching credential, and master's degrees in Business Administration, Counseling, Psychology, and Education.

California Baptist is located on an 82-acre campus just 60 miles east of Los Angeles. The campus reflects the University's Southern California environment, with towering palm trees, mission-style buildings and a spectacular view of the nearby San Bernadino mountains.

For more information, call (951) 689-5771, or visit their website at [www.calbaptist.edu](http://www.calbaptist.edu)

### **La Sierra University**

Approximately 1,900 students from over 60 countries attend La Sierra University, which offers 175 degrees in a variety of liberal arts and professional areas including Associates, Bachelors, Masters, and Doctoral degree programs. International Education opportunities include the Student Missionary Program, International Internships, and programs through satellite universities in Africa, Asia, Europe, and Latin America.

Nestled under the La Sierra hills, the campus provides a park like setting within an educational environment. It can be found off the 91 Freeway and Pierce Street exit.

For more information, call (951) 785-2000, or visit their website at [www.lasierra.edu](http://www.lasierra.edu)

### **Riverside Community College District (RCC)**

Riverside Community College District delivers high quality post-secondary education to more than 26,000 students on its three campuses in Riverside, Norco-Corona and Moreno Valley. About 260 international students from 40 countries around the world attend RCC each semester, with more than half from Asia and the Pacific. Popular majors include: Computer Information Systems, Business and International Business.

Located on 108 acres in downtown Riverside, the City campus was built on the site of the former Riverside Poly High School. Several of the original buildings acquired by the District from RPHS still stand and serve our students. The first classes were held here in September 1916.

For more information, call (951) 222-8000, or visit their website at [www.rccd.cc.ca.us](http://www.rccd.cc.ca.us)

### **University of California, Riverside (UCR)**

The University of California, Riverside is one of nine campuses of the University of California, the world's most preeminent public university and the fastest growing campus in the UC system. Enrollment during the 2003/2004 academic year exceeded 17,000 students, and it is expected grow to more than 24,000 by 2005. As the premier research center in the Inland Empire, the Riverside campus creates and promotes economic development. UCR is the seventh largest employer in Riverside County, and has a direct economic impact of over \$360 million in the community.

The 1,200-acre Riverside campus of the University of California is conveniently located approximately 50 miles east of Los Angeles. The city of Riverside, with the UCR campus on its eastern edge, is accessible by several main highways. The nearby Ontario International Airport has daily flights to most of the nation's major cities as well as connecting commuter flights to the Los Angeles International Airport. Metrolink train service available to Los Angeles.

For more information, call (951) 787-1012, or visit their website at [www.ucr.edu](http://www.ucr.edu)

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